29th Montreux Symposium on LC/MS Montreux, Switzerland November 7 - 9, 2012

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The Montreux LC/MS 2012 conference : Special highlights on *Metabolomics* and *Clinical Chemistry*

The field of LC/MS is continuously growing as is reflected by the participation of over 30 nationalities and by scientific contributions from a variety of research and development domains such as pharmaceutical, biotechnological, food, environmental and research on novel instrumentation and new LC/MS fields such as *nanotechnology and microfluidics, UPLC, low flow rate spray techniques, proteomics and systems biology.*

In collaboration with the Metabolomics Society, a special joint parallel program for this rapidly emerging field is organized, addressing the technology as well as novel systems-based biology approaches in pharma, nutrition, clinical chemistry, plant sciences and medical biology.

A parallel program is organized together with various Clinical Chemistry societies focusing on current and future LC/MS options in clinical diagnosis. The program as well as the short course is accredited for clinical chemists.

A number of invited and keynote lectures will provide new insights and a future outlook of key domains.

The "Roland W. Frei" opening lecture will be delivered by **Prof. Jan Smeitink** from the Centre for Systems Biology and Bioenergetics (CSBB) of UMC St Radboud, Nijmegen University addressing "Omics technologies and Bioenergetics: application to human disease".

As usual a large variety of poster and other oral contributions will build a strong and interesting program that cannot be missed by anyone working with LC/MS, Metabolomics and Clinical Chemistry. The international Association of Environmental Analytical Chemistry will be conferring the Roland W. Frei Award for the best poster presentation by a young scientist.

PLEASE NOTE: deadline for oral presentation is June 15, 2012 and for poster presentations September 1, 2012.

The exhibition is the key to the conference and all major companies involved in LC/MS will be present, while ample time is available in the program for discussion and introduction to novel concepts and instruments.

Prior to the conference November 5-6, 2012, a series of short courses is organized These introductory courses are focused on an introduction and advanced LC-MS technology, Mass spectrometry LC/MS interpretation and a special new course on "Clinical Chemistry, LC/MS and metabolomics"; accreditation of this course has been applied for.

Please find the latest information on the website of the symposium, www.lcms-montreux.com

Jan van der Greef and Thomas Hankemeier Chairmen of the symposium